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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/676,365	Applicant(s) BLINN ET AL.	
	Examiner Neveen Abel-Jalil	Art Unit 2165	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Mr. Jerome G. Schaefer (Attorney of Record). (3) _____
 (2) Neveen Abel-Jalil. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 04 November 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: Claim 6.

Identification of prior art discussed: Arlen, H. Gray (herein Arlen) TeleZoo.com gives boost to Telecom/IT.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant request the After-Final interview to discuss the difference between the cited art in particular Arlen with the claimed invention specifically regarding the limitation of "providing an interface for use by product manufacturers for entry of new product specification data into the database and for modifying existing product specification data in the database".

The applicant argued that Travel Zoo although provides a standardized portal for telecom companies wherein the product data is stored under the same schema; does not allow direct access and manipulation by the manufacturers themselves under one and the same schema.

The Examiner disagreed that the claims cover this step instead the Examiner contends that the argued limitaion can be taught by Arlen. To find this level of clarity and detail to the invention, the Examiner and the applicant referred back to both pages 3, and 8 in the specification. The Applicant stated a proposed amendment to the claims will be made in order to clarify the argued limitaion and to better highlight the business method of the instant application.